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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Establishment of a Consulate on Cyprus**

On Monday, 12 January 1948, I attended a meeting at the Department of State. The following were present: Mr. Park Armstrong, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Jenkins of the State Department; [redacted] and Colonel White of Central Intelligence.

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The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a recent request of the Central Intelligence Agency for the establishment of a Consulate on the Island of Cyprus. General Sibert pointed out the desirability and gave first-hand information as a result of his recent visit to that location. It was agreed that a Consulate should be established at the earliest possible date, and the State Department officials agreed to recommend the establishment of this Consulate prior to the establishment of some 25 or 30 others, which heretofore had priority over Cyprus.

Mr. Richards of the British Empire Section agreed to draft a memorandum to Mr. Gordon of the Foreign Service making such a recommendation. He requested, however, that CIA officials show him the agreements which had been signed in connection with our reciprocal arrangement. On Tuesday, 13 January 1948, I visited Mr. Richards and showed him the agreements which had been signed, which seemed to satisfy him completely, and he informed me that his memorandum would go out immediately.

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